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December 30, 2006

MEMORANDUM

To: Campus Planning Committee (CPC)

From: Christine Taylor Thompson, Planning Associate
University Planning

Subject: **Record of the November 30, 2006 CPC Meeting**

Attending: Carole Daly (Chair), Frances Dyke, Douglas Kennett, Gregg Lobisser,
Steve Pickett, Chris Ramey, Dale Smith

Guests: Isaac Adams (Thomas Hacker), Jane Brubaker (Facilities Services),
Becca Cavell (Thomas Hacker), Carol Fernlund (Education),
Thomas Hacker (Thomas Hacker), Elaine Jones (Education), Tim King
(Facilities Services), Linda Lewis (Education), Janet Lobue (Facilities
Services), Douglas Macy (Walker Macy), Christopher Miller (Walker
Macy), Jarvis Payne (Walker Macy), Janet Stewart (Music)

Staff: Christine Thompson (University Planning)

1. College of Education Additions and Alterations Project – Check in

Background: Staff reviewed the committee's past involvement in the project. She summarized members' comments from the October 19, 2006 CPC meeting as described in the meeting record. The project will come before the CPC for formal schematic design review at the beginning of winter term 2007.

Becca Cavell from Thomas Hacker presented preliminary site and floor plans using a PowerPoint presentation, drawings, and a model. She made the following comments:

- The proposed entrance to the Education Complex is a new Southwest Axis plaza rather than individual doorways.
- The elevators can be used even when the rest of the building is locked to enhance the accessibility path through the site.
- The design shows 78,000 new construction while only 65,000 is budgeted.
- The lower parking level includes a pedestrian path to enhance north/south access across the site.

Thomas Hacker described proposed architectural design features including:

- a three-story hipped roof to relate to the existing complex;
- building openings that relate to the complex, campus character, and

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- programmatic needs (design under way);
- design elements (size, materials, openings, massing) to make the three stories appear lower to better relate to the existing complex, in particular a lower brick wall with a lifted roof sitting above;
- a glassy, transparent lobby allowing views through to the courtyard and creating a lit entry at night;
- a vertical element (bell tower) to mark the entrance (and serve as the elevator and ventilation shaft); and
- integrated wood elements (e.g., soffits and interior window frames) to provide warmth.

Doug Macy of Walker Macy Landscape Architects reviewed the revised site and landscape design which includes:

- matching grades at the primary entrances to the School of Music and College of Education;
- increased landscaping at the corner of 18th Avenue and Alder Street;
- removal of the 16th Avenue auto drive;
- use of the Beall Hall access drive for drop off;
- a new auto and entrance from 18th Avenue; and
- a large trellis facing Alder Street and adjacent to the pedestrian walkway that passes through the parking area.

Jarvis Payne of Walker Macy Landscape Architects described two pedestrian circulation design options and requested feedback from the committee:

- (1) Orthogonal – More conventional design (similar to E. F. Lawrence open spaces) with parallel walkways on either side of the Southwest Campus Axis with diagonal walkways across the green. The entry plaza would provide room to sit and gather for large events.
- (2) Circular – A circular plaza and curved pathways through the axis. Diagonal movement is still allowed, but walkways are curvilinear.

Discussion: A member indicated preference for the circular walkway design because it relates to the Beall Hall turn around and softens the area's design. Another member indicated preference for the Orthogonal design because it is more like main campus—it would bring a sense of campus to the southwest area. A third member indicated that some parts of campus have meandering walkways. Perhaps a mix of both is best.

Doug Macy said it is essential to provide pedestrian access along key lines of use. The Orthogonal option best supports this and also does a better job addressing grade changes and providing space for landscape elements (e.g., benches and bike parking). The Circular option, however, introduces softer curved elements within the design. Therefore, a third Hybrid circulation option was developed. The Hybrid option includes a straight walk on the axis's eastern edge and a curved walk on the western edge. The User Group indicated preference for the Hybrid option.

A member supported the proposed berm along the edge of the underground parking area to buffer views of the parking lot yet not completely enclose the space, which would present a safety issue. Another attendee added that the trellis along Alder Street would provide a similar effect.

A member suggested adding gateway elements at the corner of 18th Avenue and Alder Street and/or along Alder Street. Consultants said options would be considered, but the budget likely will restrict implementation.

In response to a member's question, consultants said they have scheduled a meeting with Facilities Services staff to ensure courtyard landscape maintenance issues are addressed.

A member noted that it is important to design and locate bike parking (in particular covered and secure) before finalizing the schematic design to ensure it is integrated into the overall design. Staff added that bike circulation should also be addressed. Becca said the ideal bike parking location is within the parking garage, but more work is required to clarify options.

Staff said service needs (access route, parking, and dumpster/recycling space) should be addressed as well.

In response to a member's question consultants said the two new buildings are connected by covered walkways. Visual connections through the new buildings at key locations (e.g., the lobby) will also be provided to connect them to the complex and the surrounding campus landscape.

Action: No formal action was required. The committee comments will be taken into consideration as the project moves forward.

Please contact this office if you have questions.

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